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**One Hundred and Seventh
Annual Session of the**

***Toe River Freewill
Baptist Association***

1956 Minutes

**Held With
Middle District Church, Bakersville,
N. C., Rt. 2, on Thurs. Aug. 16, 1956.**

Officers:

Rev. CLAYTON WHITSON,.....Moderator
ROY CATES,..... Clerk



NEXT SESSION

Will be held with Keystone Church, Johnson City, Tenn. To begin on Thursday, before the Third Sunday in August, 1957. Rev. Burnie Arwood is to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. Handy Wilcox to be his alternate.

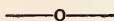


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PROCEEDINGS

of the

TOE RIVER FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Session of the Toe River Freewill Baptist Association met with Middle District Church, Bakersville, North Carolina, Route 2, on Thursday, August 16, 1956 at 11:00 a.m.

Services were opened by singing which was led by Bro. Cab. Campbell. Prayer was offered by Rev. Eb Wheeler.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. Clayton Whitson. He used for his text "A Pattern." Scripture reference was taken from Heb. 8-5 from which he delivered a very inspiring message.

Then on motion and second voted to adjourn until 2:00 pm.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. A solo was offered by Bro. Walter Chandler. Devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Raymond Whitehead. He used for his scripture reference, Malachai 4th chapter, 1-7 verses. Prayer was offered by Rev. Farrell Sparks.

By motion proceeded to organize for business by enrolling all ministers, deacons, and delegates present.

Ministers present were: Reverends W. M. Beam, Farrell Sparks, David Jones, Junior Beam, Robert Miller. Nat Campbell, Rex Adkins, John Buchanan, C. M. Burnette, S. C. Tolley, J. M. Salyers, Handy Wilcox, Ed Graybeal, Orville Whitehead, S. M. Sparks, Burnie Arwood, Eb Wheeler, Sam Odom, Bob Morrell, Loss McCoury, Harris Street, Martin Hyder, Walter Chandler, Hobart Hughes, Clayton Whitson, Howard Garland, Raymond Whitehead, James Arwood, Robert Potter, Jack Green.

Visiting ministers were: Rev. R. H. Jackson from F.W.B. Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C.; Rev. Paul Clayton from Piedmont Association; Rev. Lethcove from Union Association; Rev. Cecil Higgins from Jack's Creek Association; Rev. Nat Coleman from Church of God; Rev. Brownlow Vance from Church of God; Rev. John Sherfey from Kingsport Primitive Baptist; Rev. H. E. Willis from National Association.

Deacons present were:

VALE—E. J. Cornett
SOUTH SLIDE—Audie Lingerfelt, Bob Tipton, Fred Davis
VALLEY FORGE—Cursey Johnson
BURBANK—John Greer, Floyd Greer
CHARITY HILL—Jay Collins
DRY CREEK—W. C. Crowder
ELK MOUNTAIN—Arnold Daniels
COVEY ROCK—Charles Deyton
MT. O'DELL—Bill Coffee
DENNIS COVE—John T. Whitehead
HILL TOP, (Traveler's Rest, S. C.)—Jason Garland
LEWIS CHAPEL—John Odom
UNICOI—T. G. Edwards
CEDAR GROVE—Ham Hartley
MILLER'S GROVE—Thomas Glover
BUFFALO VALLEY—J. C. Morton
UNION HILL, (N.C.)—D. H. Peterson
SUN RISE—Oscar Whisenhunt
OAK HILL—J. C. Waycaster
WOODBURY HILL—Lonnie Cochran
CRAB ORCHARD—Zellian McCoury
ODOM'S CHAPEL—Custer Melton
CANE CREEK—Tom Pitman
KEYSTONE—Dave Campbell
LITTLE DOE—Roy Cates
POPLAR, (N.C.)—John Cooper
HUNTDAL—Albert Tipton
EVERGREEN—J. R. Vance
PINEY GROVE—W. M. Stevens
MIDDLE DISTRICT—Charlie Street
BEAN'S CREEK—Sam Whitson
ROAN'S CHAPEL—Jessie Street
MORGAN BRANCH—Lawrence Miller
BRUMMITT'S CREEK—Arnold Miller

Delegates present were:

VALE—Goss Cornett, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Calhoun
MORGAN'S CHAPEL—Lizzie Orr, Shirley Teague
FAIRVIEW—Charlie Miller, Caleb Tolley, Lewis Tolley, Linda Street, Nancy Miller
SUNSET—McKinley Street, Lornia Hitechew, Martha Potter, Bessie Taylor
PIERCE'S CHAPEL—Shirley Smith, Lula Belle Smith, Martha Honeycutt, Mrs. Joke West, Bessie Vines
ST. JOHN—Bud Perkins, Hattie Perkins, Julia Markland, June Morgan
BURLESON'S CHAPEL—Mrs. A. W. Woody, Mrs. Robert Dellinger, Mrs. Clate Dellinger, Mrs. Jeter McKinney

- LITTLE ELK—Ella McKinney, Margaret Hughes, Cling McKinney
 McCOURY'S ROCK—Arcus Beam, Zelzah McCoury, Hazel Burleson, Marjorie Burleson
 MILLER'S CHAPEL—Luther Byrd, Charlie Miller, Finley Johnson, Taylor Buchanan, Noah Miller
 COLLEGE PARK—Hester Brummitt, Nettie Stines, Junior Lyons, Lockie Brummitt
 BEAN'S CREEK—Taylor Whitson, Robert Hoilman, Daisy Hoilman
 LYON'S CHAPEL—Arthur Harrell, Daisy Harrell, Lillie Hubbard, Fay Lyons, Elzie Hubbard
 ELK MOUNTAIN—Arville Johnson, Mary Johnson, Mrs. J. T. Wright
 MORGAN BRANCH CHAPEL—Marie Miller, Leotha Richardson
 CANE CREEK—J. H. DeGroat, Pearl DeGroat, Essie Claymons, J. R. Buchanan, Mary Buchanan
 DENNIS COVE—John Whitehead
 CHARITY HILL—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heaton, Robert Russell
 LEWIS CHAPEL—Martha Vance, John Odom, Will Winters
 ROAN CHAPEL—Arde Sheets, Jesse Street, Jess Hill, Nave Campbell
 PINEY GROVE—Aileen McKinney, Mildred McKinney, Lydia Woodby, Conley Woodby, Emmett Woodby, Mrs. Jake McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stevens
 MILLER'S GROVE—Myrtle Braswell, Pearl Babb, Mrs. Walter Chandler, Edith Clover, Velma Lee Clemons
 CRABTREE CHAPEL—Dallas Renfro, Luther Winters, Sadie Murphy, Mrs. Stanley Forbes
 LITTLE DOE—John Orr, J. R. Cates, Ida Rowe, Alma Cates, Bonnie Orr, Lydia Roberts, Julia Tolley, Pearl Roberts.
 KEYSTONE—Effie Troutman, Mrs. William Thomas, Blanche White, James H. Street, James Whitson, Ernest Hopson
 MIDDLE DISTRICT—Sam Street, Simon Street, Ralph Tipton, Dewey Ingram, Troy Moffitt
 EVERGREEN—Nola Shell, Oma Winters, Tilda Oaks, Willie Shell, Norman Oaks, Jim Green
 LAWS CHAPEL—Jim Peterson, Ike Story
 MT. O.DELL—Bill Coffee, Charlie Smith, Bessie Coffey, Judneal Blevins
 UPPER GAP CREEK—Pearl Culler, Gladys Culler
 POPLAR—Edna Cooper, Turner Laughorn, Lilly Honeycutt
 BURBANK—D. T. Troutman, Isaac Jarrett, Lessie Greer, Beacher Beaver, Ida Street
 WOODBYS HILL—Ralph Roberts, John Carver, Arthur Clark, Essie Morton, Blanch Cochran
 HILL TOP—Jim Redding, Floyd Garland, Virginia Salyer
 SOUTH SIDE—Edith Pauley, Sarah Harding, Ruby Davis, Lockie Bennett
 OAK HILL—Merritt McKinney, Cinda McKinney, W. B. Stevens, Luster Stevens

- VALLEY FORGE—Walter Creasy, Fierce Hughes, Frank Pippin,
Delia Chambers, Modest Creasy, Mildred Vaughn
- CRAB ORCHARD—S. J. Griffith, Louis Butler, Mack McCoury,
Zellian McCoury
- ODOM'S CHAPEL—Austin Dunn, Gilbert Street, Mollie Street,
Roxaner Putman, Vertia Putman
- COXE'S CREEK—Jamie Washburn, Everette Boyd, Mrs. Couch
Burnette
- ST. PAUL—Ethel Ollis, Caroline Baird, Barbara Jean Hughes, Treva
Lee Hughes
- OAK DALE—Ernest Malone, Arnold Jenkins, Evelyn Jenkins, Maude
Malone, Susan Taylor, Ethel Lady
- DRY CREEK—Flora Crowder, Tilda Freeman, Patricia Butler, Shirley
Storie, Bessie Storie, Edith Peters
- HUNTDAL—Albert Tipton, U. R. Pate, Lester Murphy
- HAMPTON—Elmer Garland, Geneva Garland, Zeda Hughes
- CALVERY'S CHAPEL—(formerly Brummitt's Creek)—Maude Miller,
Star Bennett, Will Bennett
- COVEY ROCK—Mrs. Crawford Ayers, I. P. Hopson, Mrs. Charles
Deyton, Mrs. Beulah Gortney, Mrs. Andy Edwards, Andy
Edwards, Mrs. Belle Laws
- CEDAR GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. Ham Hartley
- BUFFALO VALLEY—Harry Yarber, Inez Yarber
- UNICOI—Cora Buchanan, Ruth McCoury, Mary Jewel Hensley,
Barbara Hensley, Sis Hensley, Riley Cox, Ernest Buchanan
- UNION HILL (Tennessee)—Alice Huskins, Anna Lee Peters,
Margaret Hardin, Willie Andes, Ralph Andes
- BEREA—Hiram Barnett, Albert Whitehead, Sarah Whitehead, Pearl
Bennett, Janie Barnett, Betty Barnett, Essie Campbell, Bonnie
Howell
- UNION HILL (North Carolina)—Viola Peterson, Dollie Whitson,
Grace Webb
- JERRY'S CHAPEL—Minnie Birchfield, Nathan Birchfield, Johnny
Birchfield
- CURTIS CREEK—Alton Palmer, Howard Moody, Elbert Gwyn,
Mildred Palmer, George Moody
- RICH ACRES—Mrs. Theodore Fleenor, Mrs. Carmi Price, Mrs. Geter
Hughes
- GREEN MOUNTAIN—Lora Morton, Clara Hodge, Rebecca Brumitt
- SUNRISE—Mrs. Cecil Hopson, Mrs. Nannie Cook, Mrs. Wiley Miller,
Mrs. Kail Blevins

On recommendation by W. M. Beam we elect a clerk in the absence of R. T. Gouge. Martin Hyder made a motion that the moderator appoint a temporary clerk. It was seconded and the vote carried. W. M. Beam appointed Roy Cates as clerk for the Association. Then a motion was made by Jimmie Arwood to elect a moderator. Clayton Whitson was elected moderator. By motion by Bro.

Jimmie Arwood and seconded by Bro. Handy Wilcox, voted to elect the necessary committees to assist in the business of the Association. They were as follows:

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION

Loss McCoury, Handy Wilcox, Eb Wheeler

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

Martin Hyder, Farrell Sparks, David Jones

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Burnie Arwood, Raymond Whitehead, Hobart Hughes

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

J. M. Salyer, Jimmie Arwood, Walter Chandler

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Charlie Street, Dewey Ingram, J. R. Cates

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Joe R. Street, Simon Street

COMMITTEE ON PULPIT

Chester Street, Joe R. Street

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

Dave Troutman, Gilbert Street, Cursey Johnson

By motion we voted to accept the various committees as satisfactory to the body.

On motion by Cursey Johnson to appoint a committee for the purpose of collecting the ten dollars from the various churches for the minister's fund. Orville Whitehead and Zellian McCoury were appointed.

It was voted to keep a complete record of the minister's funds in the minutes of the Association.

A COMMITTEE ON TOPICS was appointed consisting of the following: John Sherfey, Raymond Whitehead, John Buchanan.

Eb Wheeler made a motion to free Miller's Grove Church of any claim the Association may have on the church property in order for the church to get a loan or borrow money. The vote carried.

A move was made to adjourn the business session until 9:00 a.m., Friday, August 17, 1956.

Preaching services were held by Bro. Sayler at 4:00 p.m. His subject was "A Good Soldier." He used for his scripture references, II Timothy, 2nd chapter and the third verse, and I Samuel 15th chapter. He delivered a very inspiring message.

Bro. David Jones preached at 7:00 p.m. He used for his scripture reference I Corinthians, 14th chapter, 7th verse. He preached a good spiritual message.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17, 1956

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was opened by Rev. Arwood and Rev. Chandler singing a duet.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Martin Hyder. His scripture reference was Romans, I chapter, 16-20 verses.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Arwood.

A move to read the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Farrell Sparks. After being seconded the vote carried. The minutes were read and adopted.

Jimmie Arwood made a motion to enroll all ministers, deacons, and delegates that had not previously enrolled. The motion was seconded. By a voice vote the motion carried.

Ministers enrolled were: Fred Markland, Lloyd Grey, Luther Roderfer, Wice Adkins, W. M. Howell, Allen Grindstaff, E. F. Buck, Oran McKee, and L. J. Oliver.

Deacons enrolled were:

KEYSTONE—Roscoe Sheppard

PIERCE'S CHAPEL—Will Johnson, Dallas Honeycutt

FAIRVIEW—Robert Tolley

ST. PAUL—Lee Hughes, Raymond Odom

MILLER'S CHAPEL—Finley Johnson

LITTLE DOE—Dave Tolley

BEREA—Spencer Barnett

SUNSET—Frank Cornett

HAMPTON—Bill Hughes

Delegates enrolled were:

KEYSTONE—James Street, James Whitson, Effie Troutman, Bill Carmichael, Blanch White

JERRY'S CHAPEL—Minnie Birchfield

FAIRVIEW—Linda Street

LITTLE DOE—Alma Cates, Julia Tolley

UNICOI—Nancy Hensley, Barbara Hensley, Mary Jewel Hensley, Cora Buchanan, Ruth McCoury

SUNSET—Larnie Hitechew, Martha Potter, Bessie Taylor, McKinley Street

BURLESON'S CHAPEL—Mrs. A. H. Woody, Mrs. Robert Dellinger, Geter McKinney, Clate Dellinger

MILLER'S CHAPEL (N.C.)—Noah Miller, Luther Byrd

PIERCE'S CHAPEL—Shirley Smith, Mrs. Joke West, Martha Honeycutt, Bessie Vines, Lula Belle Smith

UNION HILL (Tenn.)—Alice Huskins, Anna Lee Peters, Margaret Hardin, Willie Andes, Ralph Andes

HUNTDAL—C. E. Tipton

BEREA—Janice Barnett, Eva Berry, Pearl Bennett, Sarah E. Howell, Juanita Bennett, Albert Whitehead

Bro. R. H. Jackson from the F.W.B. Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C., introduced Homer Willis to speak concerning the F.W.B. Press at Ayden, N. C.; also the establishment of F.W.B. churches in cities and counties where none exist at present.

Brother Jackson made a short talk in which he told some things about the way the orphanage was governed, supported, and operated. He also thanked the various churches for their support and fine co-operation in the worthy cause.

A move was made and seconded to take an offering for the orphans. The offering was to be divided equally between the Orphan Home at Middlesex, North Carolina and the Orphan Home at Greenville, Tennessee. The vote carried.

Bro. Arwood and Bro. Chandler sang a soul stirring song while the offering was taken. An offering of \$82.20 was received.

New churches were invited to bring their delegates to the front, give moderator their church letter, and be seated in the body.

Green Mountain F.W.B. Church forward. They were: Joe Lyons and Floyd Brummitt, deacons; Rebecca Brummitt and Lora Morton, delegates.

COMMITTEE ON TOPICS

We, your Committee on Topics recommend the following topic for your consideration:

"What the Minister is to the Church," with scripture references from Hebrews 3-1; Eph. 4-1,2,3,12.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Sherfey, Raymond Whitehead, John Buchanan

Bro. Sherfey, chairman of the committee delivered a very good message.

It was moved and seconded to table this discussion on the topic and adjourn the business session until 2:00 p.m. for the 11:00 a.m. service. The vote carried.

The Rev. L. J. Oliver volunteered to do home mission work for the next twelve months.

Bro. Garland, Sister Garland, and Sister Gouge sang three good songs. By special request Bro. E. F. Buck sang "Forty Years Ago."

Prayer was offered by Paul Edwards.

Eb Wheeler preached. He used for his scripture reference: 22-8; Duet. Isaiah 65-20; Isaiah 3-10; Galations 6-7, from which he delivered a very soul inspiring message.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 17, 1956

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The congregation sang, "Amazing Grace" led by Robert Potter. Prayer was offered by Bro. W. M. Beam.

Devotional service was conducted by Bro. Hobart Hughes. He used the 15th chapter of St. John for his scripture lesson. On motion by W. M. Beam we read the minutes of the previous meeting. The vote carried. The minutes were read and adopted.

By motion we heard reports of the various committees. The vote carried and the reports were as follows:

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION

We, your committee on investigation, recommend Green Mountain F.W.B. Church for membership in this body.

Respectfully submitted,

Elbert Wheeler, Handy Wilcox

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS

We, your committee on business, wish to report that the Green Mountain Church at the Laurels on Dry Creek has requested membership with the Toe River Association.

We have turned this request in to the investigating committee for approval.

Respectfully submitted,
David Jones, Martin Hyder, Farrell Sparks

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We, the committee on Sabbath observance, suggest that each Sunday school teacher and superintendent encourage all young people to remain in worship service; that the young people should take more interest in worship services. All of our young people should worship in a junior choir in all of our churches. The pastor is responsible for young people.

Respectfully submitted,
Burnie Arrowood, Raymond Whitehead, Hobart Hughes

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, wish to re-endorse the present temperance ordinance that was used in the 1955 minute.

Respectfully submitted,
James Arrowood, Walter Chandler, Jason Salyer
From the 1955 minute:

We find that temperance does not apply to intoxicants alone, but it means for us to be temperate in our work and words, such as we preachers getting over burdened for good paying churches.

If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man and able to bridle the whole body, James 3-2.

Respectfully submitted,
James Arrowood, Orville Whitehead, Jack Greene

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We, your committee on obituaries, hereby report all obituaries turned in as received.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Street, Dewey Ingram, J. R. Cates

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, have received for the minute fund, \$166.75. We received \$41.10 from collection at the Association and \$30.29 from College Park and Morgan's Chapel Churches for the Orphan Home at Greenville, Tennessee. The total collection for orphans was \$71.39 besides the \$41.10 offering given to Bro. Jackson for orphans at Middlesex, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe R. Street, Simon Street

COMMITTEE ON MINISTER'S FUNDS

We, your committee on minister's funds, wish to report that all money that has been handed to us, which we have counted to the best of our ability, is hereby turned over to the treasurer of the fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Orville Whitehead, Zillian McCoury

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your committee on time and place, after due consideration to all applicants have decided to give the next Association to Keystone Church, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Date of meeting is Thursday before the Third Sunday in August, 1957.

Rev. Burnie Arwood to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Handy Wilcox to be his alternate. The next Minister's conference to be held with Little Doe Church will begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in November 1956. Rev. Jason Salyer to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. John Buchanan to be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. Troutman, C. M. Johnson, Gilbert Street

By motion voted to accept the reports of the several committees as read and adopted same.

Bro. Jimmie Arwood sang a song while an offering was taken for the clerk for his services and \$24.03 was received.

Bro. W. M. Howell made a very impressive, short, heart-touching talk. Tears filled many eyes in the audience as Bro. Howell expressed himself. Many of the people felt as if Bro. Howell might be making a farewell speech to the Association to which he has belonged and worked, for many years.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with reading the church letters. The vote carried. A motion to adjourn until time and place was made by W. M. Beam. A second was made and a vote was taken. The vote carried. Bro. Guy Foster dismissed the Association with prayer.

OBITUARIES

BROTHER MOSES BARNETT—Departed this life April 1, 1956, age 84 years. He was the son of Rev. Spencer Barnett. He was a very faithful member of the Berea Church and a very consecrated Christian. He left children and a host of friends to mourn his passing. We feel that Bro. Barnett's loss here is Heaven's gain to be with his dear wife.

SISTER HESTER BENNETT—Departed this life November 27, 1955, age 86 years. She was the wife of G. L. Bennett and the daughter of Rev. Spencer Barnett. She was the mother of nine children and a very prayerful and faithful member of the Berea Church for many years. We feel that she is gone to live with Jesus and our loss is Heaven's gain.

CLARENCE BURLESON—Born July 19, 1919. Departed this life, February 13, 1955, age 36 years. He was a member of Burleson's Chapel. He left a wife, three children, a father, a mother, two brothers, three sisters to mourn his passing.

BROTHER GETER M. BYRD—Born, May 19, 1899, departed this life, June 10, 1956. God cut the silvery thread of life and took him out of his pain and sorrow of this life at the age of 57 years. He joined the Middle District F.W.B. Church at an early age. He leaves his wife, four daughters, five sons, several grandchildren, one brother, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure. His leadership of singing the gospel songs on earth is done; but has just begun in Heaven.

BROTHER JAMES CAMPBELL—Born April 24, 1867, departed this life October 27, 1955, at the age of 88 years and 6 months. He joined the St. Paul F.W.B. Church at Buladean, N. C. at an early age and remained a member until his death. He left four children and a number of friends to mourn his passing.

MRS. IDA BELL CAMPBELL—Johnson City, Tenn. Departed this life at the age of 59 on Sept. 18, 1955. She was a true member of the Keystone F.W.B. Church. Her life was one that was filled with the Spirit. She left a host of friends and loved ones to mourn her absence. We miss her very much in all the church services and we expect to meet her again when the Lord returns for His Bride.

SISTER MARGARET G. COUGHRON—Departed this life Aug. 6, 1956 at the age of 30. She was a member of the St. Paul F.W.B. Church. She left a mother, a husband, and five children to mourn her departure.

FATE DELLINGER—Born April 21, 1903. Departed this life November 6, 1955. He was a deacon of Burleson's Chapel Church. He left a wife and two children to mourn his passing.

BROTHER CHARLIE ELLISON—Age 66, died April 7, 1956. He was a faithful servant of Christ at the Upper Gap Creek, F.W.B. Church. He left a host of friends and relatives to mourn his departure.

SISTER KANSAS GOUGE—Wife of R. T. Gouge, age 52, died October 12, 1955. She was a friend to Jesus, a faithful wife, and a loving mother.

CHARLIE GREEN—Was born 1884. Departed this life 1955. He was a member of Burleson's Chapel Church.

OMA GREEN—Born 1876. Departed this life 1954. She was member of Burleson's Chapel Church.

SISTER BIDDIE HILMON—Born May 23, 1877, departed this life, May 28, 1956. She was a faithful member of the Little Doe F.W.B. Church many years. She left two daughters, one son, 17 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren, a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing. We feel, and know, that our loss is Heaven's gain.

SISTER ALLIE HOPSON—Roan Mountain, Tenn. Born Oct. 19, 1911. She departed this life, April 5, 1956. She was a member of the St. John F.W.B. Church. She left a father, a mother, and a number of friends and relatives to mourn her passing. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

SISTER MARY ELLEN HOPSON—Departed this life November 7, 1955. Age 64 years. She was a member of Morgan Chapel F.W.B. Church. She left a husband, 12 children and 49 grandchildren. We feel that she is gone where sorrow is no more.

BROTHER DILLARD HOWELL—Departed this life July 20, 1956, age 55 years. He was the son of Rev. W. M. Howell. He was a faithful member of the Berea Church for several years. Bro. Howell left a wife, four sons, three daughters, and a host of friends to mourn his departure. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

SISTER PEARL HUGHES—Departed this life March 3, 1956 at the age of 52. She was a faithful member of Odom's Chapel Church. She left a husband, a son, four grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her departure. We feel and know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

MRS. ALICE JONES—Age 83 years, 6 months and 17 days passed from this life on May 3, 1956. She was a member of the Evergreen F.W.B. Church for a number of years and lived a devoted Christian life. She left three children, 15 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn her departure. Her chair is vacant here but filled in Heaven.

BROTHER REXTER LEDFORD—Born August 11, 1888, departed this life, May 11, 1956 at the age of 67 years. He joined the Middle District F.W.B. Church and was a member for more than forty years. He leaves his wife, two daughters, two sons, thirteen grandchildren, three brothers and a host of relatives and friends. He left a testimony that he was prepared to meet God. He is gone to that Heavenly shore where partings come no more.

BROTHER JAMES LYONS—Died December 18, 1955. He was a member of Upper Gap Creek Church for a number of years. He left his wife, children, and a host of friends and neighbors who mourn his passing. He is gone to rest but is not forgotten.

BROTHER EDDIE CONWAY CARSON McCOURY—Passed away February 13, 1956. He was born May 18, 1907. He joined the McCoury's Rock F.W.B. Church in 1922 at the age of 14. He left a wife, four sons, six daughters, his mother, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing. He was a wonderful husband and father. In a testimony he told his family and many friends that he was ready to meet God in Peace. He is not dead only sleeping.

BROTHER ISAAC ENGLY McCOURY—Passed away Sept. 29, 1954 at the age of 82. He was a life long member of McCoury's Rock F.W.B. Church. He left a son, a daughter, and a granddaughter to mourn his passing. Gone but not forgotten.

MRS. ELSIE STEVENS McKINNEY—Age 34. Died Nov. 25, 1955. She was a member of Piney Grove F.W.B. Church. She left four daughters, three sons, a husband, a mother, a father, one sister, three brothers, and a host of friends and relatives.

BROTHER GLYNN L. MINTON—Departed this life Jan. 19, 1956 at an age of 64. He was a member of College Park F.W.B. Church. He left his family and a host of friends to mourn his departure. Bro. Minton was loyal to God and his church. He always had a comforting word for everyone. He will always be remembered by the members of his church.

SISTER DOVIE MORGAN—Departed this life November 12, 1955, age 59 years. A member of Morgan Chapel F.W.B. Church. She was the mother of ten children. She is gone but not forgotten.

BROTHER JOHN D. PETERSON AND SISTER HESTER PETERSON—Bro. Peterson was born August 29, 1868. He died Aug. 29, 1956. Sister Peterson, his wife was born June 15, 1869 and died June 20, 1956. They were united in marriage in March 1887. They left four sons, six daughters, 57 grandchildren, 89 great grandchildren, and 11 great, great grandchildren. Bro. J. D. has two brothers and three sisters still living. Sister Peterson has one sister and four brothers living. They belonged to the F.W.B. Church at Union Hill, N. C. for about fifty years. They have been faithful members of the church and were loved by all of those who knew them. We miss them so much at home and at church. They are gone but not forgotten.

NELLIE PITMAN—Born November 27, 1903. Departed this life, November 23, 1953. A member of Burleson's Chapel Church. She left her husband to mourn her passing.

LARRY PYATTE—Born December 12, 1928, departed this life July 26, 1955. He was a member of Burleson's Chapel Church. He left a wife and two children to mourn his passing.

SISTER VERNIE RICHARDSON—Age 77. Died December 4, 1955. She was a Christian from the age of 17 until her death. May her faith abide in our hearts. She was a member of Morgan Branch Chapel Church.

MRS. SARAH SHORE—Was born August 23, 1873. She departed this life December 17, 1955 at the age of 82.

SISTER CELIA B. STEPHENS—Age 69, departed this life June 30, 1956. She joined the Little Doe F.W.B. Church at an early age and remained a faithful member until her death. She left four sons, six daughters, three brothers, two sisters, 27 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her departure; but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Gone but not forgotten.

MRS. FLORA STREET—Newland, N. C. Born May 20, 1912. Departed this earthly home for a heavenly home March 24, 1956. She was a member of Vale F.W.B. Church.

JAMES A. TOWNSEND—Age 58. Departed this life Nov. 13, 1956. He left a wife, three daughters, one son, four grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

SISTER MARY TOWNSEND—Born November 8, 1881, departed this life September 30, 1955. She was a member of the Little Doe F.W.B. Church for many years. She leaves three sons, three daughters, 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her leaving; but we feel she is at rest in Heaven.

SISTER ELIZABETH A. TURNER—Was born May 15, 1868, age 87 years. She was a member of Laws Chapel F.W.B. Church, Marietta, S. C. She left a husband, a son, a daughter, and a host of friends to mourn her departure. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

GROVER VINES—A member of Pierce's Chapel Church. He was born 1892, died February 5, 1956 at the age of 64.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The Minister's Conference was held in connection with the Association. By motion by Bro. Beam voted to retain the same Moderator, Business and Investigating Committees, for service in the Minister's Conference.

The minutes of the last session were read, and approved as read.

By motion, voted for the Minister's roll to be called and the character of the ministry to be passed on. The character of the ministry was found to be good as far as known to the body at present. An offering of \$38.00 was received from the ministers present for the Minister's Fund.

By motion by Bro. Arwood voted to call for letters of any minister desiring to represent by letter and received a letter from Bro. Robert Miller, stating his reason for being absent, and requested to be excused from attending this Conference. His request was granted.

By motion called for letters of recommendation for license to preach the gospel, and for examination for ordination, and received, letters of recommendation for Bro's. Herman Ledford and Garney Christian for license to preach the gospel, and a letter for Bro. Jason Salyer for examination for ordination. Their letters were received and turned over with the applicants for examination by the Ordaining Council.

By motion called for all committees to report. Report of Committee on Business and Investigation:

We, your committee on business and investigation, hereby report that we have investigated the charge brought against Bro. Jack Green and he has agreed to surrender his credentials until he can make a satisfactory explanation to this Conference, with reference to the charge that was brought against him.

Signed: Rev. Elbert Wheeler, Rev. Farrell Sparks,

Rev. David Jones, Rev. Handy Wilcox

REPORT ON TREASURER OF MINISTER'S FUND

Balance brought forward	\$2,998.69
Donated by ministers at Minister's Conference	38.00
Received from committee at Association	404.50
TOTAL	\$3,441.19

MINISTER'S FUND

Mt. O'Dale	\$29.50
Roan Chapel	10.00
Valley Forge	40.00
South Side	10.00
Miller's Grove	10.00
Beans Creek	10.00
Oak Dale	10.00
Law's Chapel	10.00
Hunt Dale	10.00
St. Paul	10.00
Middle District	10.00
Cane Creek	10.00
Lewis Chapel	10.00

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Poplar	5.00
Coxes Creek	10.00
Piney Grove	10.00
Burbank Chapel	10.00
Hill Top	10.00
Lyons Chapel	10.00
Morgans Branch Chapel	10.00
Odoms Chapel	10.00
Vale	10.00
Rich Acres	10.00
Crabtree Chapel	10.00
Dry Creek	10.00
Woodby Hill	10.00
Berea	10.00
Unicoi	10.00
College Park	10.00
Sunset	10.00
Evergreen	10.00
Union Hill (Tenn.)	10.00
Pierce's Chapel	10.00
Keystone	10.00
Little Doe	10.0
Curtiss Creek	10.00

TOTAL \$404.50

Committeemen: Orville Whitehead, Zellian McCoury

Report of Investigating Committee (after the Conference):

We, the committee on investigation have investigated the above charge against Bro. Jack Green, and with the evidence we have received we are satisfied the charge should be dropped, but we are unable to make a full and complete report until we receive letters from the party that brought the charge as agreed up on.

Rev. Elbert Wheeler, Chairman

Report of Ordaining Council:

We have carefully examined each applicant, and we recommend that Bro. Herman Ledford be licensed to preach the gospel for a period of 12 months. That Bro. Jason Salyer's license be renewed for three months from date, and that Bro. Garney Christian's letter be rejected.

Signed: Rev. W. M. Beam, Rev. James Arwood,
Rev. Elbert Wheeler, Rev. Martin Hyder,
Rev. Handy Wilcox

By motion by Bro. Beam voted to adjourn until time and place.
The next Conference to be held with Little Doe Church, Route 1, Hampton, Tennessee, to begin on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in November, 1956. at 10:00 a.m.

Bro. Handy Wilcox offered the closing prayer.

Rev. Clayton Whitson, Moderator
R. T. Gouge, Clerk

MINISTER'S ROLL

Howard Garland	Unicoi, Tennessee
Junior Beam	Nebo, N. C.
Walter Chandler	Route 4, Elizabethton, Tennessee
Ed Graybeal	Bluff City, Tennessee
John Arwood	Relief, N. C.
W. M. Howell	Route 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
S. C. Tolley	Route 1, Hampton, Tenn.
James Arwood	Route 2, Bakersville, N. C.
G. C. Whitehead	Rt., Hampton, Tenn.
A. W. Woody	Plumtree, N. C.
E. F. Buck	Route 4, Roan Mountain, Tenn.
J. T. Wright	Route 1, Newland, N. C.
Gilbert Adkins	Hunt Dale, N. C.
Fred Marklin	Route 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
Jeff McKinney	Elk Park, N. C.
Nat Campbell	109 Colorado St., Johnson City, Tenn.
Farrell Sparks	Erwin, Tenn.
Fred Beam	Senia, N. C.
R. C. Stockton	Route 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Robert Miller	Poplar, N. C.
Fred Dellinger	Rockport, Washington
Loss McCoury	Erwin, Tenn.
Handy Wilcox	Box 541, Erwin, Tenn.
Harris Street	Relief, N. C.
Martin Hyder	Route 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
John Buchanan	Route 3, Bluff City, Tenn.
Hobart Hughes	600 Orline St., Johnson City, Tenn.
Will Harrell	Erwin, Tenn.
Willie Richardson	Route 5, Johnson City, Tenn.
Allen Grindstaff	Route 5, Johnson City, Tenn.
Clayton Whitson	Tipton Hill, N. C.
Robert Potter	Route 1, Hampton, Tenn.
Robert Morrell	Route 3, Bluff City, Tenn.
Woodrow Morrell	Route 3, Bluff City, Tenn.
Harrison Tolley	Marietta, S. C.
Stephen Sparks	Newland, N. C.
Elbert Wheeler	Sioux, N. C.
Hobart Pierce	Piney Flats, Tenn.
Orville Whitehead	Route 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Burnie Arwood	Erwin, Tenn.
Oran McKee	Embreeville, Tenn.
Sam Odom	Route 2, Bakersville, N. C.
David Jones	Route 1, Black Mountain, N. C.
Dwight Green	Route 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Jake Davis	Unicoi, Tenn.
C. M. Burnett	Marietta, S. C.
L. J. Oliver	204 W. Fairview, Johnson City, Tenn.
Henderson Woody	Route 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
W. M. Beam	Route 3, Erwin, Tenn.
Raymond Whitehead	Route 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Robert Sneed	Route 1, Unicoi, Tenn.
Jack Green	Route 1, Elizabethton, Tenn.

LICENTIATES

Herman L. Ledford	Erwin, Tenn.
Rex Adkins	Route 3, Erwin, Tenn.
Lloyd Gray	Route 1, Johnson City, Tenn.
Luther Rodifer	Route 1, Johnson City, Tenn.

DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTOR ELECT	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES
Burbank.....	Elbert Wheeler.....	Crawford Barnett, Roan Mountain, Tenn., Rt. 1
Berea.....	Luther Rodifer.....	Mrs. David Berry, Johnson City, Tenn., Rt. 1
Bean's Creek.....	Rex Adkins.....	Mrs. Taylor Whitson, Bakersville, N. C., Rt. 2
Burleson's Chapel.....	Clarence Ballew.....	Mrs. A. W. Woody, Plumtree, N. C.
Buffalo Valley.....	Robert Sneed.....	Jackson Tolley, Unicoi, Tenn., Rt. 1
Crabtree Chapel.....	Clate Whitson.....	Mrs. Dallas Renfro, Spruce Pine, N. C., Rt. 1
Crab Orchard.....	Paul Clayton.....	Myrtle McCoury, Newland, N. C., Rt. 2
Covey Rock.....	Gilbert Adkins.....	Cecil Deyton, Green Mountain, N. C.
College Park.....	Frank Taylor.....	Marie Lyons, Johnson City, Tenn., Rt. 8
Celvery's Chapel.....	John Sherfey.....	Star Bennett, Relief, N. C.
Curtis Creek.....	Thomas Arnett.....	Callis Sheppard, Elk Park, N. C., Rt. 1
Cane Creek.....	W. M. Beam.....	J. H. DeGroat, Sr., Bakersville, N. C., Rt. 1
Charity Hill.....	Thomas Arnett.....	Mrs. Clyde Nave, Elizabethton, Tenn., Rt. 1
Coxe's Creek.....	R. C. Stockton.....	Mrs. Jamie Washburn, Marion, N. C., Rt. 3
Cedar Grove.....	John Harrell	
	Claude Lethcoe.....	Mrs. Arthur Glover, Bluff City, Tenn., Rt. 3
Dennis Cove.....	Woodrow Morrell.....	Floyd Whitehead, Hampton, Tenn., Rt. 2
Dry Creek.....	Fred Markland.....	Edith Peters, Jonesboro, Tenn., Rt. 3
Evergreen.....	Fulton Williams.....	Lloyd Miller, Roan Mountain, Tenn., Rt. 3
Elk Mountain.....	David Jones.....	Mack C. Johnson, Newland, N. C., Rt. 3
Fairview.....	James Arwood.....	Lewis Tolley, Hampton, Tenn.
Green Mountain.....	Walter Chandler.....	June Lyons, Johnson City, Tenn., Rt. 2
Hampton.....	Orville Whitehead.....	Oakie Calhoun, Hampton, Tenn., Rt. 1
Hill Top.....	John Buchanan.....	Nancy Brown, Traveler's Rest, S. C., Rt. 3
Hunt Dale.....	James Arwood.....	C. E. Tipton, Relief, N. C.
Jerry's Chapel.....	Stephen Sparks.....	Mrs. Henry Whitehead, Roan Mountain, Tenn., Rt. 3
Keystone.....	Handy Wilcox.....	Lawrence Coffey, 213 Orleans St., Johnson City, Tenn.
Little Elk.....	E. F. Buck.....	Delestene McKinney, Elk Park, N. C., Rt. 1
Little Doe.....	Guy Foster.....	Mildred Rowe, Hampton, Tenn., Rt. 1
Law's Chapel.....	Moss Holloway.....	Polly Garland, Marietta, S. C.
Lyons' Chapel.....	Harris Street.....	Fay Lyons, Elizabethton, Tenn., Rt. 4
Lewis' Chapel.....	(None).....	Anna Vance, Minneapolis, N. C.
McCoury's Rock.....	Bro. White.....	Hazel Burleson, Newland, N. C., Rt. 1
Miller's Chapel.....	Gilbert Adkins.....	Noah Miller, Brownsville, N. C., Rt. 3
Morgan's Chapel.....	Virgil Deloach.....	Blanch Guinn, Roan Mountain, Tenn., Rt. 2
Miller's Grove.....	Martin Hyder.....	Velma L. Clemons, Elizabethton, Tenn., Rt. 7
Middle District.....	James Arwood.....	Joe R. Street, Buladean, N. C.
Morgan Branch C'p'l.....	Martin Hyder.....	Edward Miller, Roan Mountain, Tenn., Rt. 3
Mt. O'Dale.....	Hobert Hughes.....	Mrs. Emory Blevins, Erwin, Tenn., Rt. 1
Oak Dale.....	Hobart Pierce.....	Mrs. W. T. Collins, Blountville, Tenn., Rt. 2
Oak Hill.....	Bob Morrell.....	W. B. Stevens, Hampton, Tenn., Rt. 1
Odum's Chapel.....	Sam Odum.....	James Putman, Bakersville, N. C., Rt. 2
Pierce's Chapel.....	James Arwood.....	Dallas Honeycutt, Hampton, Tenn.
Poplar (N.C.).....	(None).....	Mrs. Dan Peterson, Poplar, N. C.
Piney Grove.....	Jack Green.....	Mildred McKinney, Hampton, Tenn., Rt. 1
Rich Acres.....	Burnie Arwood.....	Mabel Price, 401 Holly St., Johnson City, Tenn.
Roan Chapel.....	Burnie Arwood.....	Bertha Ledford, Bakesville, N. C., Rt. 2
Sunset.....	Fulton Williams.....	Georgia Cariton, Roan Mountain, Tenn., Rt. 2
St. John.....	Sam Odum.....	Jack Oxendine, Roan Mountain, Tenn., Rt. 2
Sunrise.....	Howard Garland.....	James Blevins, Roan Mountain, Tenn., Rt. 2
South Side.....	Horace Poole.....	Fred Davis, 923 Hobcock Ave., Erwin, Tenn.
St. Paul.....	Burnie Arwood.....	Vergie Hughes, Bakersville, N. C., Rt. 2
Unicoi.....	Clate Whitson.....	Alta McLaughlin, Unicoi, Tenn.
Union Hill (Tenn.).....	Gene Head.....	Alice Huskins, Elizabethton, Tenn., Rt. 2
Union Hill (N.C.).....	Loss McCoury.....	D. H. Peterson, Bakersville, N. C., Rt. 2
Upper Gap Creek.....	Raymond Whitehead.....	Betty Roberts, Elizabethton, Tenn., Rt. 4
Vale.....	Orville Whitehead.....	Coy Calhoun, Newland, N. C., Rt. 1
Valley Forge.....	Cecil Higgins.....	Mrs. Will Stevens, Elizabethton, Tenn., Rt. 7
Woodby Hill.....	Sam Odum.....	Thula Gouge, Unicoi, Tenn., Rt. 1

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND MEETING DAYS	No. Baptized	Added Otherwise	Dismissed	Deaths	Total Membership	No. in S. School	Paid Pastor	Paid For Revivals	Minute Fund	Paid Orphanage	Minister's Fund	Communion Held
Burbank Chapel, all	6	2	3	0	106	90	\$1,930.00	\$149.00	\$2.40	\$260.00	\$10.00	4
Berea, all	16	0	0	3	94	80	358.76	182.46	5.00	0	10.00	4
Bean's Creek, 4th	1	1	0	0	16	15	64.70	34.27	1.00	0	10.00	1
Burleson's Chapel, 1st, 3rd	15	8	5	3	127	115	300.36	438.63	6.00	0	0	2
Buffalo Valley, 1st	3	3	0	1	17	30	110.00	20.00	1.35	48.24	0	1
Crabtree Chapel, 1st, 3rd	6	2	5	0	43	50	250.00	160.16	5.00	100.00	10.00	1
Crab Orchard, 1st, 3rd	1	8	0	0	35	55	400.00	175.00	1.50	20.00	0	1
Covey Rock, 2nd, 4th	0	1	0	0	82	80	231.62	76.00	3.00	63.15	0	2
College Park, all	2	0	0	1	27	37	137.78	21.96	2.00	10.00	10.00	1
Calvary's Chapel, 1st Sat. nt.	9	1	0	0	55	40	300.00	195.00	2.00	0	0	1
Curtiss Creek, 2nd	3	0	0	1	105	55	191.78	73.51	2.00	0	10.00	2
Cane Creek, 2nd, 4th	17	0	1	0	174	125	572.67	285.21	5.00	33.23	10.00	0
Charity Hill, 1st, 3rd	2	2	0	1	65	40	190.00	75.00	2.00	0	0	1
Coxe's Creek, 2nd, 4th	3	6	4	0	180	80	1,350.00	300.00	3.00	141.43	10.00	1
Cedar Grove	0	3	0	1	63	70	360.00	90.00	1.50	13.00	0	4
Dennis Cove, 4th	0	0	0	0	41	15	235.02	0	1.50	0	0	0
Dry Creek, 3rd	2	4	0	0	28	39	180.91	59.29	2.00	12.36	10.00	3
Evergreen, 1st, 3rd	0	4	0	1	—	63	566.15	65.00	2.50	180.10	10.00	3
Elk Mountain, 2nd, 4th	0	0	0	2	60	80	240.00	30.00	2.50	0	0	0
Fairview, 4th	0	0	0	0	39	60	148.55	0	2.00	80.00	0	2
Green Mountain	2	0	0	0	13	75	0	0	3.00	0	0	1
Hampton, 1st, 3rd	0	0	0	0	28	40	216.94	68.00	2.75	0	0	0
Hill Top, all	0	0	1	0	31	35	466.00	25.00	2.50	0	10.00	1
Hunt Dale, 2nd	0	0	1	0	35	35	61.35	40.00	2.00	0	10.00	1
Jerry's Chapel	0	0	0	0	35	24	84.35	41.75	1.00	0	0	2
Keystone, all	3	38	1	1	159	159	2,668.30	172.06	4.00	0	10.00	3
Little Elk, 4th	2	1	0	0	28	25	39.33	22.63	1.50	0	0	0
Little Doe, all	2	1	1	3	169	166	774.03	170.90	7.25	40.00	10.00	2
Law's Chapel, 1st, 3rd	2	3	0	1	49	28	74.35	67.70	2.00	33.00	10.00	1
Lyons' Chapel, 3rd	0	0	0	0	40	20	162.45	34.50	1.50	0	10.00	2
Lewis' Chapel, 1st	0	0	0	0	30	24	184.85	41.00	3.00	26.25	10.00	1
McCoury's Rock, 2nd, 4th	0	0	0	1	43	40	336.51	112.40	2.00	0	0	0
Miller's Chapel, 4th	0	0	0	1	50	40	10.60	35.00	2.50	0	0	1
Morgan's Chapel, 1st	0	0	0	2	55	46	137.10	0	1.50	20.60	0	1
Miller's Grove, 2nd, 4th	0	0	0	0	59	60	605.00	173.28	2.50	0	10.00	1
Middle District, 3rd	0	0	0	2	55	35	183.80	0	3.60	0	10.00	0
Morgan Branch Chap., 2nd, 4th, ..	0	1	0	1	77	50	360.00	100.00	3.18	31.00	10.00	1
Mt. O'Dale, half time	0	3	3	1	96	75	290.00	65.00	3.00	73.18	29.50	4
Oak Dale, all	0	3	2	0	25	75	333.30	86.00	2.00	6.00	10.00	4
Odum's Chapel, 3rd	0	0	0	1	125	45	149.35	62.84	2.50	0	10.00	2
Oak Hill, 4th	0	6	8	0	53	60	350.00	95.00	2.50	53.00	10.00	1
Pierce's Chapel, 3rd	2	3	0	1	57	60	435.18	109.49	5.00	117.00	10.00	1
Poplar (N. C.), 2nd, 4th	0	0	0	0	62	30	111.39	39.55	2.00	0	5.00	0
Piney Grove, 2nd	0	0	4	1	45	60	477.43	100.00	4.50	0	10.00	1
Rich Acres, all	0	0	0	0	85	50	834.80	70.61	2.00	40.22	10.00	4
Roan Chapel, 2nd, 4th	0	3	0	0	75	63	197.40	110.00	2.80	0	10.00	2
Sunset	0	0	14	0	93	127	431.20	124.00	2.10	116.97	10.00	2
St. John, 4th	0	0	0	1	50	55	511.90	331.80	2.00	45.29	0	1
Sunrise	1	0	2	0	18	50	150.00	50.00	3.00	0	0	1
South Side, all	55	12	16	0	173	150	2,250.27	147.14	6.00	0	10.00	5
St. Paul, 1st, 3rd	2	4	0	2	50	65	264.82	81.55	3.00	0	10.00	1
Unicoi, 2nd, 4th	2	7	0	2	168	70	720.00	70.00	3.00	93.00	10.00	2
Union Hill (Tenn.), all	5	2	0	0	163	120	250.00	86.00	2.00	148.85	10.00	1
Union Hill (N. C.), 1st	0	0	2	2	30	30	57.00	0	4.00	0	0	0
Upper Gap Creek, 2nd, 4th	2	0	0	2	41	53	230.00	34.86	2.00	0	0	2
Vale, 2nd, 4th	5	4	0	0	83	60	400.00	170.39	4.75	50.00	10.00	0
Valley Forge, all	24	32	2	1	178	174	3,338.00	157.00	6.00	188.00	40.00	3
Woodby Hill	0	4	0	0	57	70	335.00	107.50	3.50	0	10.00	1

MINISTER'S COVENANT

Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the following Articles:

Article (1) We solemnly covenant before God that we will adopt the doctrine of the Toe River Free Will Baptist faith and defend the same.

Article (2) We agree that by the help of God we will not preach or advocate any doctrine that Free Will Baptist will not adopt.

Article (3) We also promise by the help of God to endeavor to evangelize all people in whom we come in contact with as far as possible that by so doing we might add many to our churches.

Article (4) We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer family devotions and social worship, and by self denial, faith and good works, endeavor to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and encourage the churches in our charge to stand loyal to the faith and not be carried about by every wind of doctrine.

Article (5) We also agree that any minister failing to keep the above articles with sufficient evidence to convince the ministers conference, is automatically dismissed and to turn in his credentials without any argument.

CHURCH COVENANT

JACKS CREEK F. W. B. ASSOCIATION

1. Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our own rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandments implied by a confession of faith, and in the spirit of meekness rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray, and watch over each other, being careful of each other's reputation, and use our influence to the upbuilding of the church and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another, and to strengthen those that are weak.

3. We promise that by the help of God we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed word in the minds of those under our care.

4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy, and especially those of the household of faith.

5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not providentially hindered, and submit to all ordinances implied in a Profession of Faith.

6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

7. We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath schools, good morals, and everything that is to the glory of God and to the welfare of men. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the Kingdom of God, where we may ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

CONSTITUTION

Toe River Freewill Baptist Association

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each church.

Article 2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended in a letter from the church to which they belong and shall include the minister and some of the ablest members belonging to the church.

Article 3. The Association shall elect annually a moderator and clerk.

Article 4. The Rules of Decorum shall be read immediately after the body is organized.

Article 5. The Association will encourage a sound ministry; such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour; having made salvation possible for every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

Article 6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations, and have his name enrolled in our minutes.

Article 7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expedition of business, and every committee appointed to any particular business, shall report their proceedings in writing to the association while in session, and all reports made be adopted or rejected by the body.

Article 8. All queries regularly presented in the association by any church shall be attended to.

Article 9. The Association shall have a book in which shall be kept an accurate account of all its proceedings.

Article 10. Any church may become a member of the association by making application by letter or by delegate and adopting our articles of faith and church covenant.

Article 11. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented.

Article 12. There shall be an associational fund for defraying expenses and charges that may accrue, and for replenishing such, each church may contribute at pleasure.

Article 13. There shall be a treasurer appointed by the Association, whose duty it shall be to have care of and account for the money committed to his charge.

Article 14. The Association shall use the Free Baptist Treatise in full.

Article 15. Each church shall be allowed one vote for every ten members or fraction thereof.

Article 16. The Association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and suffering of our Lord at least twice a year.

Article 17. The Association shall pay its clerk at least \$5.00 for his services per annum.

Article 18. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1.—**The True God.** We believe that there is one and only one living and true God who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection.—“There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.”—I Tim. 2:6.

Art. 2.—**Holy Scriptures.** We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Tim. 3:16.

Art. 3.—**Original Apostasy.** We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin.—And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eye, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit and did eat. Gen. 3:6.

Art. 4.—**Free Grace.** We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings; that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord is rich unto all that call upon Him. Rom. 10:12.

Art. 5.—**Christian Faith.** We believe that Christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures, that faith comes by hearing the word of God.—He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life, but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36.

Art. 6.—**Repentance.** We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be effectual conviction of sin.—Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorrow after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. III Cor. 7:9-10.

Art. 7.—**Free Agency.** We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

Art. 8.—**Perseverance.** We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men, who have been converted, to make shipwreck of the faith, turn again to sin and be lost. And Jesus said unto him: No man having put his hands to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

Art. 9.—**Good Works.** We believe that good works are the result of faith, and not of necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God.—Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire: wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them. Matthew 7:19-20.

Art. 10.—**Christian Baptism.** We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so also we should walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4.

Art. 11.—**The Lord's Supper.** We believe that the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and wine represent His body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians and that all Christians should unite in service regardless of name or denominational distinction.—But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. I Cor. 11:23-29.

Art. 12.—**Feet Washing.** We believe that washing the saint's feet is a command of our Saviour, and that his followers ought to practice the same.—If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet: ye ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:14.

Art. 13.—**The Gospel.** We believe it is the duty of all churches to support the Gospel.—Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. I Cor. 9:14.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. There shall be no conversation by members, one with another so as to interrupt business, while in session.

Art. 3. Every member wishing to speak shall first rise to his feet and address the moderator.

Art. 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Art. 5. We will admit of no other title but that of Brother, while in session.

Art. 6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

Art. 7. No member shall speak more than three times on one subject.

Art. 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by those who made it.

Art. 9. No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the Moderator.

Art. 10. On all motions when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

Art. 12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

Church Letter
TOE RIVER F. W. B. ASSOCIATION

Date..... 19.....

GREETINGS IN CHRIST

We, The Freewill Baptist Church at.....
..... now in session, send
the following named Delegates to represent us in your body:
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OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) No. Baptized ____ (2) Added otherwise ____ (3) Dismissed.....
(4) Deaths..... (5) Total Membership..... (6) No. in S. S.....
(7) Paid Pastor \$ (8) Paid for revivals \$ (9) Minute
fund \$ (10) Paid for orphanage \$ (11) Ministerial
fund \$ (12) Communion..... Other funds—poor, sick, or mis
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Revival Conducted by
Pastor elect
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Present pastor.....
Steward.....
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